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Re: Patent Application for:
**"Method of Annealing Ultra-Thin, High Quality Gate Oxide Layers Using
Oxidizer/Hydrogen Mixtures"**
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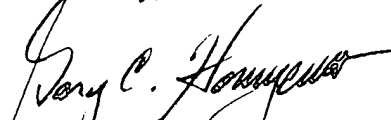
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Filed: 06/20/01 Docket: TI-32705
For: "METHOD FOR ANNEALING ULTRA-THIN, HIGH QUALITY GATE
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Responsive to the Office Action dated June 25, 2002, please enter the following:

For prosecution, Applicants elect Group I, Claims 1-13, drawn to a method for forming an integrated circuit structure, classified in class 438, subclass 783.

Applicants acknowledge that Claims 14-16 are withdrawn from further examination.

A prompt action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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